

**Mayor's Infrastructure Financing Committee
Cost Savings and Efficiency Work Group
First Definitions of "Efficiency" as Applied to Lincoln's Infrastructure
As of January 7, 2003, Work Group meeting**

► **Common Themes**, in very rough descending order, based on how frequently each item mentioned.

- 1) Use a cost/benefit approach: Balance time and cost savings with greatest long-term benefit, long-term service life (value engineering)
- 2) Save time; Complete work in timely manner
- 3) Save money, Reduce costs
- 4) Avoid duplications of efforts and expenditures
- 5) Plan and coordinate well
- 6) Simplify; Eliminate complexity where possible

And – what about Safety? (thanks, NDOR)

► **Individual Definitions**

- Timely, Cost Effective, Well-Planned, Contiguous
- Not duplicating services; Organize and move along projects so as not to waste time or \$\$'s
- On-time delivery of water, sewer, roads, etc.; doing it right the first time; not too much and not too little
- Identify changes to existing process to enhance coordination, eliminate waste and save time related to the development, design and construction of infrastructure
- Provide the needed infrastructure at the proper time in the most cost effective manner
- Add to existing infrastructure with cost effective methods and materials while balancing cost/benefit ratio with public convenience and necessity
- Producing the greatest community benefit from the most prudent investment of public and private resources
- Cost effective and streamlined procedures that don't duplicate efforts
- Long-term service life through sound engineering, planning and construction practices: i.e., value engineering
- Maximize capital resources to provide timely delivery of infrastructure. Seek to reduce complexity and find cost/time savings, while providing a high level of service for present and future citizens
- Decrease cost of construction while maintaining quality; Increase compatibility between the developing community and government procedures; Simplify!
- Complete the task with the same quality end product, but saving time, money, resources (human or other) and/or emotion.
- Time & money savings that lead to greater productive capacity for the citizens
- Means to save \$\$ without sacrificing quality or function in maintaining and continuing Lincoln's infrastructure.
- The best use of available resources to achieve defined objectives.